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Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated January 9, 2006 for which the three-month date for response is April 9, 2006. Applicants are filing this response within two months of the date of mailing of the final Office Action to provoke an Advisory Action.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Account L.L.P. No.: 50-1212/CLFR:235US.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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